

Nielsen Clan Returns From Two Week Excursion To Nebraska

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Mrs. Roy Ranes is all in a flutter these days. She is leaving this week to visit her sister in Denver. While she is there another sister is coming up from Florida. This will be the first time in five years the girls have seen each other. Mrs. Ranes is flying back and will be gone for five days.

In the rush of vacations, some people such as the Vigils Nielsen are glad to be home. They have just returned from two weeks in Nebraska. They visited both of their families. On the way back they took a little extra time and visited many places of interest. They are mighty tired, in fact it took them two days to get rested.

The purpose of Volunteers for Children is to provide tender, loving care to the children of Harbor General Hospital. We define tender, loving care as diverting the child's attention away from his personal problems. We accomplish our purpose by being substitute mothers to the children. As substitute mothers, we converse with the child, play with him, read to him, and generally add to his happiness and emotional well-being by caring for the child in the same way we care for our own children when they are sick, frightened, lonely or bored.

The Halldale PTA held its final meeting last Thursday in the school auditorium. Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, first vice president of Gateway Council PTA, installed the officers for the coming year. Invested were Mmes. E. Reese, president; Louis Funk, first vice president; Guy Adams, second vice

president; Judson Bowers, financial secretary; F. E. Dye, corresponding secretary; Frank Bowling, treasurer; William Dunston, historian; W. L. Harvey, parliamentarian; E. Alves, recording secretary; and Bill Ovaestreet, auditor.

Sorry to hear of the passing of Joshua Cox of 1661 W. 219th St. He will be missed by all of the neighbors and friends.

The Halldale PTA honored the teachers and other staff members of the school with a turkey dinner. The board members prepared and served the dinner in the auditorium. We wish all the teachers a restful vacation.

A few weeks ago I wrote an article on little Sandra Van Lue. She was supposed to enter the Sister Kenny Hospital on June 19. Instead she has entered Harbor General Hospital. She will undergo several weeks of treatment before going to the Sister Kenny Hospital. Anyone wishing to send cards may do so at C-8 ward.

So many of us here in the Strip would like to express our deepest sympathy to Sgt. D. C. Cook on the passing of his wife and baby. We all know and love Sgt. Cook for the wonderful work he is doing for the children of the Torrance and Strip areas. The funeral was held Tuesday by Rev. Leonard Babcock of the Christian Church and the interment followed at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Girls and boys of the Shoestring area! Don't forget day camp starts today at 10 a.m. Children from the ages of 7 to 12 years, inclusive, are invited.

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A DAY TO REMEMBER

Midsummer's biggest holiday is upon us—the patriotic observance of the founding of our nation. While many American lives were lost in the cause prior to July 4, 1776—and many more were lost later—it was on this date that the stirring Declaration of Independence was formally adopted. One wonders what these exceptionally far-sighted statesmen would think could they see the manner in which their great works are celebrated today. Airplanes, autos, and, yes, telephones will make their vast contributions to Independence Day, 1956. Speaking of travel, it is well to heed the advice of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council: "Make your Fourth of July trip a short one—trying to cover many miles in a short period of time is a major cause of holiday accidents." Speaking of telephones, we at Pacific Telephone are proud to be able to help you span the miles on this memorable day. We extend our best wishes for a happy—and safe—holiday.

Smith Voted Top Speaker

Charles F. Smith, of General Petroleum's Torrance refinery, was judged the best speaker of the evening at a recent meeting of the Toastmasters' Club. Smith, whose speech title was "Obey that impulse," stated that quick decisions are not just a privilege of a profession, but that men in high offices have trained themselves to obey their good impulses, thus making it easy to make correct decisions on the spur of the moment.

Other formal speakers on the program were Aubrey Grey, speaking on "Effective Communications," and Ed Wheeler who talked on "Is a Handicap Physical or Mental?" Also on the speaking program was Scott Albright with a talk entitled "D-D Day." Next regular meeting of the group will be Tuesday at 7 p.m.

DAY TO MEET HERE TOMORROW EVENING

Regular meeting of the Disabled American Veterans and its auxiliary will be held at the YMCA Building, 1080 Washington St., tomorrow evening at 8. Commander Charles Portnoy extended an invitation to all Disabled veterans of the area to attend tomorrow's meeting.

Laymen Speak On Prayer

Four men from the congregation of the Church of Christ spoke at the Wednesday evening service this week. The men were Frank Butler, Burt Saftred, Louis Aguilar, and Howard Brannon. Each man gave a 10-minute talk on some phase of the general topic of prayer. Elmer Prout, the regular preacher for the church, was the guest speaker that night for a Spanish speaking church in downtown Los Angeles. At the duplicate morning services Sunday, the sermon will be entitled: "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" At the evening service the topic is, "Everlasting."

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